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2007 Force Shaping message released

Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

Air Force officials recently announced new force-shaping initiatives to be used to meet the required 2007 fiscal year end strength numbers.

The new initiatives are designed to bring the officer numbers down as the enlisted end-strength numbers are on target for 2007. Officials said more than 8,000 officers must separate either through normal attrition, retirement or force shaping measures to achieve the required balance in force.

“It’s important to keep in mind what force shaping is all about; the present and future state of the Air Force,” Lt. Gen. Roger A. Brady, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel. “We have to balance our (force) for now and the coming years to have the kind of force we need to win the long war we are in now and be prepared for whatever comes next.”

The Air Force will look for volunteers but will also initiate involuntary shaping programs to achieve a balanced force. The force-shaping program maximizes the Air Force’s voluntary separation authority and also allows implementation for involuntary shaping programs as required.

The Air Force starts the 2007 force-shaping program with three tools to lower the number of active duty officers. These three initiatives are Voluntary Separation Pay, Selective Early Retirement Board, and a fiscal 2007 Force Shaping Board. Under U.S. Code Title 10, the Secretary of the Air Force has authority to use these force-shaping tools.

The VSP incentive will be offered to Line of the Air Force officers (including Judge Advocates), and Chaplains with more than six and no more than exactly 12 years of service to encourage their separation, General Brady said.

The Air Force needs approximately 3,200 officers meeting these criteria to separate.

Eligible officers may begin applying for VSP on July 31. Dates of

separation must take effect between Oct. 1 and Sep. 29, 2007. Applications for VSP will not be accepted after Jan. 31, 2007.

Officers who are approved for VSP will enter into a written agreement to serve in the Individual Ready Reserve for a period of three years following the separation. Officers that have an existing military service obligation at the time of their separation will fulfill it in the IRR along with the additional three-year commitment. Officers meeting the above time-in-service criteria may contact their MPF for more details on VSP.

“We are offering the qualified VSP officers twice the compensation of what they would receive for an involuntary separation,” General Brady said.

The Air Force seeks to retire 313 line officer lieutenant colonels that have been twice deferred for promotion or colonels with four years time in grade that are not general selects. Officers that have a voluntary retirement date or a mandatory retirement date for length of service will not be considered.

The Air Force must plan for a SERB for 2007 to meet this shaping objective.

“The officers that fit this category have already been notified,” he said. “If we get enough volunteers for retirement, we will not hold the SERB.”

A SERB has been scheduled for Jan. 8-19, 2007. More detailed information about the SERB will be released in September.

The Air Force will also hold a fiscal year 2007 FSB. This board will evaluate officers who have not completed more than five years

commissioned service. The board will consider officers in selected, overage career fields in the 2003 and 2004-year groups. However, for the 2003-year group, the board will only consider those career fields that were excluded from consideration from the fiscal 2006 FSB.

The Air Force projects more than 900 losses as a result of the 2007 FSB, which is scheduled for March 12-23 2007.

Another tool the Air Force uses to balance the force is recruitment.

“In Force Shaping, we will lose some very talented people. But the reduction in size is also about losing manpower authorizations to help get the right number of people with

dynamic skill sets,” General Brady said. “We will be bringing in about 3,000 less enlisted and 500 less officers this year through accessions.”

By recruiting less into the Air Force, this eases the

burden of having to get rid of quality individuals, he said.

“One thing we don’t want people to lose sight of is we do not like the fact that we’re going to lose these people,” General Brady said. “These are talented young folks with a great work ethic and the kind of people we feel will land on their feet and do well.”

This new Force Shaping message supercedes prior messages. Other Force Shaping programs such as “Blue to Green,” Palace Chase, Career Job Reservation (for enlisted) and Enlisted Retraining Program are still in effect.

For more information on the force shaping initiatives visit the AFPC web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/forceshaping/shape.htm>.

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– Lt. Gen. Roger Brady
deputy chief of staff,
Manpower and Personnel



Airman 1st Class Thomas Feagin, 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron, saved a critical spare engine by completing a number one bearing reseat on an F100-PW-220 engine. He optimized all available assets to complete 18 hours worth of maintenance in seven hours. He also went above and beyond to ensure this difficult repair was completed prior to leaving for the day. The engine earned a zero defect rating from quality assurance and was ready for reinstall on the aircraft with minimal downtime.

Staff Sgt. Henry James, 3rd Operations Support Squadron, demonstrated incredible efficiency while solely administering the wing’s Survival Evasion Resistance Escape personnel recovery class schedule. He also provided orientation training for Admiral Gary Roughead U.S. Navy commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Maj. Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., U.S. Army Alaska commander and Brig. Gen. Field, 1st Fighter Wing commander, as well as 19 cadets and enlisted personnel, and an Armed Forces Network reporter. Finally, Sergeant James also helped develop a local Arctic Survival Training proposal submitted to the Pacific Air Forces director of operations.

Mr. Ron Trimbo and Mr. Jason Payne, 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, distinguished themselves by engineering seven metal window screens for the 3rd Wing’s newest farm tractors. They manufactured the screens from discarded metal products. Their design and custom machined hardware retained manufacturer’s specifications. Their actions provided needed protection to exposed glass and occupants during mowing operations and saved \$4,200 in window replacement costs.



Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle
3rd Wing commander

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done?

The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224
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The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can't help, then please call the Action Line.

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3rd Wing Moment in History

July 27, 1953:

Senior negotiators met at Panmunjom to sign an armistice agreement at 10 a.m. calling for a cease-fire at 10:01 p.m. The 8th Bombardment Squadron, assigned to the 3rd Bombardment Group, dropped the last bombs of the Korean War at 9:33 p.m. from 8,000 feet on a suspected supply dump near the front lines.



More airborne cargo means fewer convoys

By Senior Airman James Croxon
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

A new way of moving cargo in theater is allowing Airmen here to process more raw tonnage of cargo than airlift wings in the states, while doing it with a fifth of the manning.

The 96 Airmen assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron's aerial port flight are the core of the hub-and-spoke system implemented April 1. Before that, cargo coming into theater could end up at more than a half-dozen

locations before being processed for shipment to a final destination. Now, all cargo arrives at Balad for processing and then is airlifted to a final destination.

"We touch every piece of cargo coming into the theater now," said Capt. Karen Rupp, 332nd APF commander. "We do it even though we've experienced a 68 percent increase in pallet movements and a 38 percent increase in pieces of cargo since the inception of the hub-and-spoke system."

Getting that cargo airlifted to

forward operating bases means fewer convoys on the ground. To the aerial port team, keeping Airmen and Soldiers out of danger translates to job satisfaction and determination to overcome obstacles.

"The job is more rewarding here," said Airman 1st Class Jeff Boutin. "I know after I push a pallet onto a C-130 (Hercules), it's going directly to the warfighter who needs those supplies. It makes me feel like I am directly linked to the combat."

The logistics of moving so much cargo is one of the biggest chal-

lenges, Captain Rupp said. She says major aerial ports in the states have up to 500 Airmen to move the cargo. Here it is done with fewer than 100.

To ensure cargo becomes airborne and gets to the warfighter, the team works closely with Air Force, Army and U.S. Transportation Command systems in a joint environment to track each pallet.

Captain Rupp said it's the Airmen who make the record-breaking number possible by overcoming any setbacks they face.

"A few weeks ago we had cargo that needed to get to Kirkuk (Air Base, Iraq) and the winch used to pull pallets on the aircraft was broken," Captain Rupp said. "The ramp service Airmen managed to figure out a way to get the pallets on the jet. These Airmen will always find a way to execute their mission because they know the importance of it."

The high-operations tempo and volume of cargo moved might seem daunting but at the end of a 12-hour day on a desert flightline, the Airmen of the aerial port flight go home knowing they have made a difference, said Senior Airman James Quinones.

"We definitely feel the operations tempo, and that we are doing more with a lot fewer people," said Airman 1st Class Sarah Doroha, deployed from the 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron at Elmendorf. At her home station, Airman Doroha works in the readiness flight where she prepares Airmen for exercises and deployment.

"But here I get to support real-world missions where my actions have an impact downrange. I look forward to coming back to work each day because I know there is a Soldier or Airmen I've never met who needs some supplies. I am going to get those supplies to them."



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JAMES CROXON

Airman 1st Class Jeff Boutin and fellow aerial porters load a C-130 Hercules at Balad Air Base, Iraq, on Tuesday, July 4. With the aid of Elmendorf Airmen, more than 12,000 tons of cargo was moved in June.

Deployed Elmendorf dentist keeps cavities at bay



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CANDY KNIGHT

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Leslie Williams, 376th Expeditionary Medical Group, chief of Dental Services, prepares to take an x-ray of a patient's teeth. Colonel Williams provides routine fillings, root canal therapy and extractions as part of the dental services available to all Team Manas servicemembers, DoD contractors, Embassy personnel and Coalition forces. He is deployed from Elmendorf.

By Staff Sgt. Candy Knight
376th AEW Public Affairs

MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan – Dental maladies and dentists have one thing in common.

They both have an almost unseen effect on the war on terrorism.

Broken teeth, gum infections and cavities are a few "minor" details that can seriously degrade mission capability if not properly cared for.

Dr. (Lt. Col.) Leslie Williams, 376th Expeditionary Medical Group chief of dental services, deployed from Elmendorf, is Manas' sole dental care provider, and ensures servicemembers can do their jobs with mouths intact.

"My primary duty is to meet the dental

sick call needs of all of Team Manas to include servicemembers, Department of Defense contractors, Embassy personnel and coalition forces," Dr. Williams said.

Open 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, his office provides a variety of dental services, including routine fillings, root canal therapy and extractions.

Servicemembers deployed for six months or longer can get their annual cleaning here as well.

Dr. Williams said dentistry is a perfect outlet for his passion.

"I was initially drawn to the profession because I loved the sciences and enjoyed working with my hands. I have found that the successful practice of dentistry requires the best of your head,

your hands and your heart," he said.

Since arriving in May, he has cared for more than 60 patients with a unique set of assistants.

"Although I don't have a technician, my fellow [376th EMDG] comrades have provided assistance each and every time I needed them."

Dr. Williams said he enjoys working in a deployed environment.

"My job is to meet the emergent or routine needs of that individual and to get them back on the job to support the mission," he said.

"The deployed environment requires that you maintain a ready and adaptive mindset. When a patient walks through the door, I know that I have to do my best to win their confidence and ease their pain."

Family member encourages summer activities

By Gary Green
Elmendorf family member

The Summer Solstice is over and summer is in full swing here in South Central Alaska.

For many new arrivals to the The Great Land, summer can be a disconcerting, if not unnerving event. Most of us hail from parts of the country with nearly equal amounts of daylight and darkness and the long summer hours can bring a kind of uneasiness more imposing than the lengthy twilight associated with winter and the effects of Seasonal Affective Disorder.

Winter is long and dark for sure, but even here, it has more of a daily rhythm as the sun crests the Chugach Mountains for a few brief hours each day.

The nearly 20 hours of continual daylight in summer can conjure up images of that old Robert Deniro and Robin Williams movie “Insomnia.” Some of us simply don’t know when to go to bed or don’t feel tired as our internal clocks shift from normal sleep patterns to a lengthier day requiring more activity.

The good part about long summer days and spectacular extended

sunsets is that we have an abundance of recreational opportunities available to us very close to home.

Indeed, right here on Elmendorf and over at Ft. Richardson are many exciting family oriented activities such as fishing, hiking, biking, a round of golf or simply paddling a canoe or rowboat on one of the many lakes.

The Outdoor Recreation center on Elmendorf is a Pacific Air Forces award winning facility and provides many family friendly activities such as regular evening mountain bike rides, lengthier day trips for the more experienced road biker, hiking trips up Flat Top Mountain for marvelous views, wild berry picking, red salmon fishing trips to the Russian River, white water rafting on the Eagle and Matanuska Rivers and the ever popular day trip to Clam Gulch to dig for tasty and ‘easy to catch’ razor clams.

ODR also has a well stocked rental department for the ‘do-it-yourselfer’ who wants to explore and experience Alaska at their own pace.

Bikes, backpacks, canoes, camping and fishing gear and even tow behind campers are all available for nominal rental fees.

Summer is wonderful in Alaska and one of the most exciting things is the close proximity of an abundance of wildlife and the opportu-

nity to view animals and birds that we may not have seen before.

A favorite activity for many families is an after dinner ‘wildlife safari’ over to Ft. Richardson. Animals become more active near dusk and on any given night a ride to the lakes on Ft. Richardson can provide ample views of bears, foxes, porcupine, moose, an occasional wolf, migrating birds and wildfowl, and more colorful wildflowers than most states have in their entirety.

Load up the kids into that sport utility vehicle you bought and be sure to bring a camera. An evening of spotting and identifying animals and plants can provide wonderful pictures and a lifetime of memories for the whole family.

Kids especially enjoy seeing a bear ramble through a meadow or a moose grazing along the shores of the lake and everyone will be delighted at the colorful array of wildflowers that line the gravel roads and paint the meadows with violet and crimson and fuchsia.

Yes, too much daylight can cause debilitating effects on our sleep patterns, however, one way for us to combat those effects is simply to; get tired.

Get out, experience, enjoy, hike, climb, fish, take a kid camping or rafting, pan for gold, do it all if you like, but remember, after it is all over for the day; go to bed, would ya?



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. TOMMIE BAKER

Elmendorf is home to a variety of wildlife, including this fox, caught roaming around the base.

From the front



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CELINA WILSON

Staff Sgt. Christopher Gunderman, 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron K-9 patrolman, deployed from Elmendorf, demonstrates obedience techniques with his military working dog, Arko, during the Desert 5 meeting July 20. The Desert 5 is a professional organization for enlisted members in the ranks of E-1 to E-5.

Voting program helps Airmen exercise their rights

Airmen and their families serving around the world have the right to vote and the Air Force Voting Program’s mission is to ensure they have the information and tools needed to exercise that privilege.

As a part of the program, every Air Force installation has designated voting assistance officers who can assist Airmen and voting age family members with the registration and voting process.

Before deploying, Airmen receive voting materials needed to notify their state of their new mailing address. They continue to receive voting assistance from home voting officers and on-site Personnel Support for Contingency Operations teams.

“We want to ensure that every Airman’s sacrifice of service does not interfere with his or her right to vote,” said John Lowrence, Air Force voting action officer at the Air Force Personnel Center. “However, each person must accurately complete the absentee voting process, from registering and requesting a ballot to submitting the absentee ballot.”

Airmen serving away from their voting residence should use Federal Post Card Application Standard Form 76 to register and request absentee ballots.

The SF 76 and 2006-07 Voting Assistance Guide, which lists the unique voting rules for each state, are available on line at www.fvap.gov or may be obtained from the base voting assistance officer.

To help ensure their vote counts, officials remind Airmen to be careful when

filling out the SF 76, as it is most often returned without action for the following reasons:

- Inadequate legal voting residence address. Address information was not sufficient to locate member’s voting precinct/ward/parish/etc.

- Inadequate current mailing address. Member moved or deployed without forwarding an SF 76, letting the state know his or her new address. The post office will not forward ballots.

- Writing illegibly.

- Failure to indicate party preference. Primary ballots will not be sent without a party designation.

- Form incomplete. All information specified in the Voting Assistance Guide must be completed.

- Application sent to wrong jurisdiction – see addresses listed in the Voting Assistance Guide.

- No signature.

For more information or assistance on voting, contact Maj. Wendy Beal, 3rd Medical Group and Elmendorf Voting Assistance Officer at 580-1296, or visit the Air Force Voting Action site at www.afcrossroads.com/voteFund/Vote/default.htm.

There will also be a Voting Assistance Officer workshop from 1-3 p.m. Aug. 2 in the 3rd MDG dining hall at 5955 Zeamer Drive. The workshop is for all appointed unit Voting Assistance Officers.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs)



Muldoon Gate

Due to construction, the Muldoon Gate is closed until Aug. 6. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Carlos Lopez at 552-4011 or Hazim Yunis at 552-3079.

Commander’s call

There will be a 3rd Wing commander’s call Aug. 25 in Hangar 5, Bldg. 7309 following the 3rd Maintenance Group Load Crew of the quarter competition. All personnel are asked to be in place by 8:45 a.m. The competition will start at 9 a.m. and the commander’s call will follow.

Volunteers needed

Arctic Thunder 2006, Elmendorf’s air show and open house, is Aug. 12-13. The air show team is seeking volunteers for various tasks. People interested in helping should call 552-5324 or 552-5414, or e-mail 2nd Lt. Joseph Douglass at joseph.douglass@elmendorf.af.mil or Senior Master Sgt. Richard Lister at richard.lister@elmendorf.af.mil. For more details about the event, call 552-SHOW (7469).

Spouse TA

The dates to apply for Spouse Tuition Assistance for classes beginning in August and September are until Aug. 26 for University of Alaska, Central Texas College and Embry Riddle Aeronautical Uni-

versity and Wednesday-Aug. 9 for Wayland Baptist University. For more information, call the Education Center at 552-3164.

Family child care provider

Anyone conducting child care services in base housing for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis must be a licensed Family Child Care provider. This is in accordance with Air Force Instructions. For information on how to obtain certification, call 552-3995.

Child care

The Elmendorf Child Development Centers have immediate openings for full-time care for 2-year-olds. Call Resources and Referrals at 552-7840 for more information.

Road closure

The intersection of Necrason and 22nd Street will be closed Monday-Thursday for storm drain installation.

MPF customer queue

Anyone needing a Department of Defense identification card can sign in at the Military Personnel Flight customer service office, and then monitor their status via Sharepoint at <https://portal.elmendorf.af.mil>. You must be present when your name is called.

SNCO Induction Ceremony

The SNCO Induction ceremony for newly selected master sergeants takes place Sept. 8 at the Anchorage Hilton. The fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Robert Gaylor, is the speaker. The meal costs \$35 and includes a choice of Alaskan halibut or roast beef. R.S.V.P. by Aug. 11 by e-mailing sncoi.2006@elmendorf.af.mil. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Shannon Moore at 552-7088.

Bargain Shop sale

The Bargain Shop will have a bag sale Wednesday- Aug. 21. Shoppers can fill a grocery bag with select items and pay \$3. Summer hours for the Bargain Shop will end Aug. 16. For more information, call 753-6134 or log on to www.elmendorfso.com/bargainshop.htm.

Items needed to register vehicle

People who need to obtain a DD Form 2220, *Department of Defense Sticker*, or DD Form 2219, *Year Decal*, must present these documents to register or deregister any vehicles on the base, including updating expired DD Form 2219s:

- Valid DoD ID card
- Valid drivers license from any state
- Current vehicle registration from any state and it must be a per-

manent registration, not temporary

- An Air Force Form 75, *Vehicle Pass*, will be issued for all temporary and foreign registrations
- Valid proof of insurance
- A valid IM/Emissions Certificate for vehicles two model years or older

Additionally, if a vehicle is registered in another state not requiring an IM/Emissions test, but is two model years or older, it's still required by the Municipality of Anchorage to have a valid IM/Emission Certificate.

Loaner furniture

Long-term loaner furniture is available for accompanied and unaccompanied staff sergeants and below authorized to live off base.

This furniture is limited and issued on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The furniture may be used for the duration of the member's tour. However, they must pick up and return these items.

Airmen interested in borrowing the furniture should bring their address and one copy of their orders 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays to the housing office at 6346 Arctic Warrior Dr. For more information, call 552-4439 or 552-2599.

Pets for adoption

The Fort Richardson Veterinary Treatment Facility currently has one dog, four cats and seven kittens available for adoption.

A 9-12 month old black and grey longhaired tabby cat, a 1-year-old black and white longhaired male, a 3-year-old orange shorthaired tabby, a 1-year-old black, orange and white longhaired female has just weaned seven kittens.

The kittens are two grey females, one orange male, two siamese females, and two black kittens, one male and one female. Also available is a 1-year-old fluffy male german shepherd. Call 384-2865 for more information.

Volunteer meeting

The Military and Family Readiness Center will host a Volunteer Action Council Meeting Thursday.

The meetings are held the second Thursday of every month, and is a great venue to continue the spirit of volunteerism and help support individuals and organizations in need of assistance.

For more information, call Rocky Latta at 552-8086 or Master Sgt. Phil Wilson at 552-8679.

Home buying seminar

The Elmendorf Housing office is offering a home buying seminar at 1 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Housing Office, 6346 Arctic Warrior Drive. The class lasts approximately two to three hours.

Seating is limited; call 552-4439 or 552-4328 for reservations.

Arctic Bazaar

The Elmendorf Officers' Spouses' Organization Bazaar committee is

now accepting applications from craft vendors for their upcoming Oct. 14 bazaar. The bazaar features "unique to Alaska" and/or hand-crafted merchandise.

This is a one day, "open base" event which runs from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.. Booth fees are \$100 for a 10 x 10 foot space. 100 percent of booth fees go toward the EOSO's many charitable causes. If you have items to sell, please consider joining our event as a vendor.

You can access the vendor application or read more about the Arctic Bazaar at www.elmendorfofo.com or by calling Sandra at 694-1106.

Spouse re-integration fair

- Spouse Reintegration Fair registration is now open to all military spouses. Learn about: the deployment and reunion cycle, what to expect at reunification and reintegration, and how to re-connect with your loved one. There are more than \$10,000 in prizes available. The four sessions take place from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Aug. 4, and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Aug. 8.

Space is limited.

- Volunteers are needed to provide on-site child care for the re-integration fair. Approximately 40 two and a half hour time slots need to be filled.

If you are interested in registering for the fair, or volunteering your time for child care, call Melanie at 552-0713.

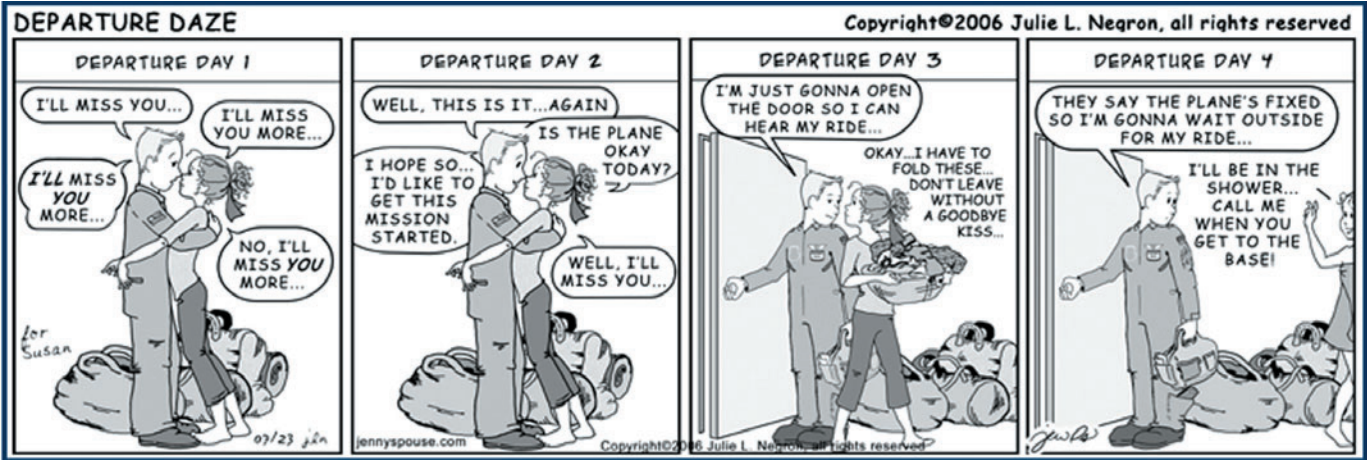




PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. RHIANNON WILLARD

Special Agent DeAndre Davis

Organization and duty title: Air Force Office of Special Investigations, general criminal investigator
Hometown: Louisville, Ky.
Hobbies: Movies, music and art
Mission Contributions: Specializes as the Drug Program Manager for all Elmendorf drug investigations
Time at Elmendorf: One year
Time in Air Force: Eight years
Best part about being in Alaska: Now I can say, “Yep, been there before.”
Quote from supervisor: “He works so hard, I can never get him to go home.” Special Agent Angela Otis

Senior Airman Kevin Seidel

Organization and duty title: 381st Intelligence Squadron system administrator
Hometown: San Antonio, Texas
Hobbies: Football, sports video games, movies
Mission contributions: Keeping Intelligence mission systems operational in the 381st IS
Time at Elmendorf: Three years, 10 months
Time in the Air Force: Four years, four months
Best part about being in Alaska: Sunday morning football. There’s nothing like starting football at 9 a.m.
Quote from supervisor: “He works hard and gets the job done right the first time. Also has selfless work ethic.” Staff Sgt. Sean Bybee



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN GARRETT HOTHAN

The greatest generation



Clockwise from above: Lt. Gen. Douglas Fraser, 11th Air Force commander, places a wreath in honor of fallen war heroes during the 11th Air Force Memorial rededication ceremony July 21. The memorial is located at Merrill Field and stands in memory of the men and women of the 11th Air Force and other services who served in the defense of Alaska and our nation during World War II.

Members of the Anchorage chapter of Rolling Thunder salute fallen warriors during the ceremony. Rolling Thunder is a national group dedicated to educating the public on the fact that many American prisoners of war were left behind in past wars.

Joint service color guard members carry the U.S., POW/MIA and Alaska flags during the rededication. Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich and other distinguished guests attended the ceremony. The memorial and ceremony are sponsored by the Anchorage chapter of the Air Force Association.

A memorial to fallen warriors: rifle, helmet, boots, dog tags, and rose dedicated by Rolling Thunder, stands at the base of the memorial.

Senior Airman Miguel Lara III, 3rd Communications Squadron, stands by one of four historical plaques placed around the memorial. Airman Lara helped create the plaques, which were added at this year's rededication ceremony.



CCT/RF Improves Combat Skills for US and International Forces

By Master Sgt. Debra Clayton
Co-operative Cope Thunder Public Affairs

Cooperative Cope Thunder 06-3, is not just another Pacific Air Forces exercise. In fact, CCT boasts as being the largest multi-lateral air combat exercise in the pacific.

During an ABC Alaska News interview, Lt. Col. Reggie Smith, operations officer for CCT/Red Flag Alaska at Elmendorf, explained that unlike Northern Edge or some of the recent exercises in the pacific region, CCT is a multi-national field training exercise that’s very air forces centric and provides joint/combined offensive counter air, interdiction, airdrop, close air support, and large force employment training.

The colonel explained that the primary mission at Elmendorf is command and control and tactical airlift, whereas Eielson has the fighters and tanker support.

“We have the Korean C-130s here, as well as C-130s from Yokota Air Base, Japan. The C-160s from Germany round out the perfect support. In addition to Elmendorf’s E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System, the NATO E-3A AWACS from Geilenkirchen, Germany are operating out of Elmendorf,” said Colonel Smith.

Approximately 1300 participants from the United States, Australia, Japan, NATO, Korea, Germany, Canada, Sweden and the list goes on to include observers from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Russia, Mexico and Mongolia, are in Alaska to take part in CCT, soon to be re-designated Red Flag Alaska.

“The training for CCT is conducted on the Pacific Alaskan Range Complex, the largest range area in the world, with air operations flown out of Elmendorf and Eielson Air Force Bases. The exercise simulates wartime conditions that we and our coalition partners could face together in actual combat,” explained Colonel Smith.

Air force Capt Helmut Shafer, a German naviga-

tor on the C-160s said, “For most of us this will be our first time in the U.S. I’m excited about learning new tactics, flying on the ranges and seeing what Alaska has to offer. We hope to gain experience in low level flying as well as some maneuver protection combinations. This will be an opportunity to get familiar and work with the fighters as well as to have some air drops at a specific time in a special area.”

“This is my second time participating in CCT and it is an excellent training opportunity to work with the Americans and the other countries – to plan and execute a wartime mission,” said Capt. Jaekyong Seo, an F-16 pilot with the Republic of Korea Air Force. Captain Seo explained that one of his jobs will be to translate. As one can imagine, with so many countries and languages coming together, communication can be a challenge.

“We have the blue air (good guys) flying against the red air (bad guys). They’ll meet in the airspace and will execute the wartime tasking or scenario they were given, then they will come back to each individual base and debrief: How well did we execute? How well did we suppress the enemy? How well did we work together protecting friendly assets? How well did we work together to destroy enemy assets? What lessons can we take to execute tomorrow’s war better?” said Colonel Smith.

A lot of planning goes into making such a multi-lateral exercise as CCT a reality. “Over eight months of preparation comes together as CCT 06-3 kicks off,” said Maj Scott Lew, chief of airlift operations. The first week included a lot of mission planning and briefings, followed by Familiarization Day, where the crews prepped for and flew their respective missions without any simulated threats or wartime scenarios. Fam Day allowed the crews to get familiar with the Alaskan ranges and terrain prior to exercise execution.

Cooperative Cope Thunder flying scenarios take place this week and the exercise runs through Aug 5.



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Top right: Senior Airman Sherman Roberts, loads liquid oxygen on a C-130. Airman Roberts is a member of the 36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Yokota Air Force Base, Japan. The Yokota C-130s are in Alaska participating in Cooperative Cope Thunder/Red Flag Alaska along with other multi-national air crews. The CCT/RFA exercise ends Aug. 5.

Middle right: Master Sgt. Jinkoo Kim of the Korean air force works on the landing gear of a Korean C-130 July 21 during a CCT/RFA exercise.

Bottom Right: A NATO crew chief visually inspects the NATO Airborne Warning and Control System after a mission during CCT/RFA Tuesday.

Above: Members of CCT/RFA plan a mission for the exercise Wednesday.

Left: Master Sgt. Young Lee cleans the windshield on a C-130 before a CCT/RFA mission. Sergeant Lee is a member of the Korean air force.



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RC DJ (The Rajun Cajun) 9 p.m.-3 a.m., adults only, Kashim Club, 753-6131

Club Member Social Hour 5-6 p.m., adults only, Kashim Lounge, 753-6131 and The Cave, 753-3131

Portage Glacier and Wildlife Refuge Center 10 a.m.-5 p.m., ages 9-12, \$15, Youth Center, 552-2266

Basic Automotive Services Class 5 p.m., by appointment, \$20, Auto Hobby, 552-3473

Saturday

Arctic Oasis Swap Meet 10 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Library parking lot, Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

Kid's Corner "Pottery Trivet" 1-3 p.m., ages 3-15, \$15, sign-up early, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Portage to Hope Cutoff Road Bike Ride 9 a.m., \$10, \$6 bike rental if needed, Outdoor Recreation, 552-2023

Lion's Head Rafting Trip 7 a.m.-5 p.m., \$70, sign-up in advance, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023

DJ Karaoke 9 p.m., adults only, Kashim Lounge, 753-6131

Xtreme Bowling with a DJ 9 p.m.-1 a.m., \$18 per person including shoe rental, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

Sunday

Family Xtreme Bowling 1-8 p.m., \$30 for up to six bowlers, shoe rental, one lane for two hours, two pitchers of soda and popcorn, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

Sunday Brunch 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$16.95 *Members First* price, \$19.95 regular price, \$7.95 for children age 6-12, Susitna Café, 753-3131

Monday

Kenpo Karate 6-7 p.m. for children and families, 7-8 p.m. for adults only, \$30 per month, ages 4 to adult, Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

Monday Evening Road Bike Ride 5:30 p.m., free, \$6 bike rental if needed, Outdoor Recreation, 552-2023

"The Frog Prince" Auditions 10 a.m., for grades 1-12, performances 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Talkeetna Theater, presented by Missoula Children's Theatre. Call Arctic Oasis for details, 552-8529

Tuesday

USBC Youth Bowling League Registration through Sept. 30, ages 3-21, get details at eteamz.active.com/polar-bowl, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

Stained Glass "Beginning Fusing and Slumping" 6:30-9 p.m. also Aug. 8, 15 and 22, \$150, limit four people, class offered for a limited time only, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Wednesday

Advanced Sign Language for the Deaf/ASL 2-4 p.m. also Aug. 9, 16 and 23, \$45 plus dictionary, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

New Parent Orientation 9:30 a.m., all Child Development Centers

Beginner Sewing 6:30-9 p.m. also Aug. 16, 23 and 30, \$45, shop with the instructor the first night for supplies, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Beading "Earrings" 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$25 plus supplies, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Thursday

Pottery on the Wheel "Glazing and Orientation" 6:30-8:30 p.m. also Aug. 10 and 17, \$45, purchase clay and glazes at center, limit four people, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Beginning and Advanced Stained Glass 6:30-9 p.m. also Aug. 10, 17 and 24, \$85 plus glass, limit eight people, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Beginner Quilting 6-9 p.m. also Aug. 10, 17 and 24, \$65, shop with the instructor the first night for supplies, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

One-Stroke Painting "Roses on Your Cutting Board" 6:30-9 p.m., \$35, bring old cutting board or something wood to paint, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

August 4

Give Parents a Break 7-11 p.m., Air Force Aid Society program intended to give parents a break during unusual hardships, must have a referral and a reservation, Denali CDC, 552-8304

Senior State Amateur Golf Tournament through Aug. 6, Eagle Glen Golf Course, 552-3821

Alaska Native Heritage Center noon-5 p.m., ages 9-12, Youth Center, 552-2266

Now Showing

at the Talkeetna Theater

Today 7 p.m. PG-13
The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift
Sean Boswell is an outsider who attempts to define himself as a hot-headed, underdog street racer. Although racing provides a temporary escape from an unhappy home and the world around him, it has also made him unpopular with the authorities. To avoid jail, Sean is sent to live with his estranged father in Tokyo.

Saturday 7 p.m. G
Cars
Lightning McQueen, a rookie race car finds himself detoured in the sleepy Route 66 town of Radiator Springs. McQueen gets to know the town's offbeat characters - Sally, a snazzy Porsche, Doc Hudson, a 1951 Hudson Hornet with a mysterious past, and Mater, a rusty but trusty tow truck, who help him realize there are more important things than trophies, fame and sponsorship.

Sunday 6 p.m. G
Cars

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By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

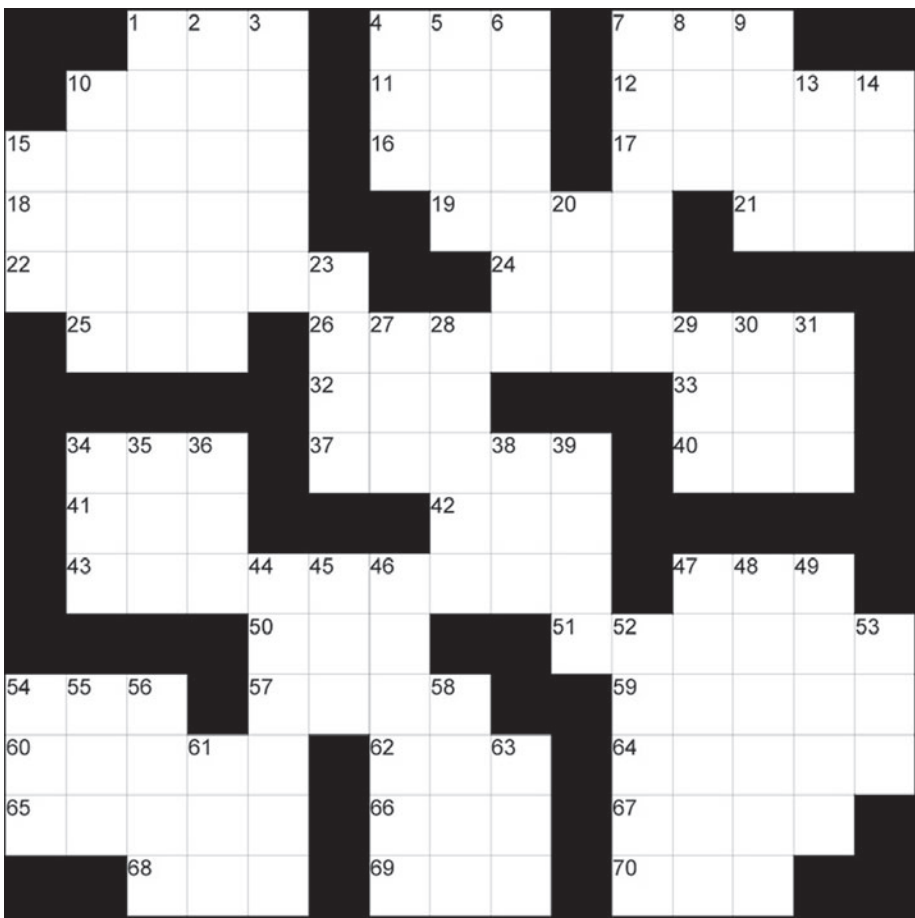
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- 4. Resistance unit
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- 10. Glory ___
- 11. Actress West
- 12. Pale lifeless appearance
- 15. Moon valley
- 16. ___ Clear; resume normal operations or initiate recovery
- 17. General threat against personnel/facility, unpredictable in nature
- 18. Run against; come into collision
- 19. Rip
- 21. Current
- 22. Dish
- 24. USN rank
- 25. 67°30 east of due north
- 26. Corrected by punishment
- 32. EarthLink competitor
- 33. USAF deployment set
- 34. Auto club

- 37. Condition when attack has occurred
- 40. Fall mon.
- 41. CBS program
- 42. Hearing instrument
- 43. Base defender procedure to identify friend or foe
- 47. USAF MAJCOM
- 50. Snakelike fish
- 51. Flowering
- 54. “Down Under” country, in brief
- 57. Excited
- 59. Caterpillar stage
- 60. Acronym used to describe threats to airbases and people
- 62. A Gershwin
- 64. Made a mistake
- 65. Map legend item
- 66. Bro’s sib
- 67. Sultan
- 68. Alarm ___: 1-minute warbling tone; attack in progress
- 69. Harris or O’Neal
- 70. Mil. telephone system

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- 1. Bad credit result
- 2. Quick, effective report to upchannel enemy actions
- 3. Author Ashworth
- 4. German grandma
- 5. Command issued during 43 Across
- 6. Brawls
- 7. Meager
- 8. 2001 computer
- 9. Sports channel
- 10. M-16; primary weapon for base defenders
- 13. Article
- 14. Careen
- 15. 50 Cents music



- 20. Picnic pest
- 23. Large number
- 27. Garden tool
- 28. Revolutionary hero Ethan
- 29. USN equivalent to AFB
- 30. Shoe size
- 31. Hasty or fighting; base defender spot to fire on enemy
- 34. USAF MAJCOM
- 35. Burn residue
- 36. USAF intel org.
- 38. Children’s game
- 39. ___ of Responsibility
- 44. Slanted
- 45. Appendage
- 46. Kay Thompson character
- 47. Yellow and Black; conditions in base defense
- 48. Alberta city
- 49. Base defender protection from enemy fire
- 52. Exsanguinate
- 53. Angry
- 54. AFB alternative
- 55. Barcode, in short
- 56. Wound result
- 58. Map lines; used to identify locations/targets
- 61. Bullring cheer
- 63. Donkey

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Friendly competition



Members from the units and nations participating in Co-operative Cope Thunder/ Red Flag Alaska got together Tuesday to play a friendly game of beach ball soccer. CCT/RFA is a joint exercise held at Elmendorf and Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. Units from South Korea, Germany and NATO are at Elmendorf. The exercise ends Aug. 5.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Keith Brown

Sport Shorts

Gymnastics, cheerleading

Gymnastics and cheerleading classes are available for children ages 18 months and older at the Youth Center.

Instruction is available for beginners, intermediate and advanced levels. Prices range from \$40-\$110 a month depending on level of instruction.

All classes are one day a week. For more information, call 552-2266.

Outdoor Adventure Program

Hiking, biking, kayaking and rafting are a few of the adventures

sponsored by the Outdoor Adventure Program. OAP is located inside the Outdoor Recreation building.

For more information, call 552-2023.

Elmendorf Ice Eagles hockey

Fall registration for the Elmendorf Ice Eagles starts in August. Anyone interested in playing must get their USA Hockey registration at www.usahockey.com/adult/main_site/main/adult_register.

Players must also have a hockey ID. For more information on an ID, call Annetta Powell at 275-5715.

To prepare for the upcoming season, the teams have scheduled

ice time at 6 p.m. Aug. 4 and 8, at 5:15 Aug. 12 and 9:15 Aug. 18.

For more information on the Ice Eagles C team, call John Hatch at 552-3194. For information about the novice team, call Ryan Hill at 729-3799.

New bowling league

Anyone interested in participating in a mixed bowling league on Saturdays should call the Polar Bowl at 552-3669.

Sports physicals

The 3rd Medical Group Pediatric Clinic in cooperation with Family Practice is extending additional appointments for School and Sports physicals from Aug. 14-25. These

appointments are open to all Tricare Prime members.

Please be sure to tell the appointment clerks that this is for a school or sports physical.

To make an appointment, call 580-2778.

Spinning certification, continuing education class

The Fitness Center is hosting a spinning certification and continuing education class at 9 a.m. Sept. 23-24 in the spinning room.

Anyone interested can sign up at the spinning Web site at www.spinning.com/instructors or call Matt Livingston at 552-3504.